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Mr. James R. Schlesinger
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20020

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

I was interested to read of your plans to cut back the amount of clandestine military operations conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency and to devote more CIA resources to the problems of international drug traffic.

As you may know, I spent several months unsuccessfully attempting to obtain copies of Central Intelligence Agency reports on international narcotics trafficking and production from your predecessor, Mr. Helms. Despite the fact that the reports contained no material relevant to national security or foreign policy, I was denied access to them. The reports, classified "confidential" and "secret", did show, however, that the governments of other nations, including some of our "allies" were far from diligent in their efforts to stop drug traffic.

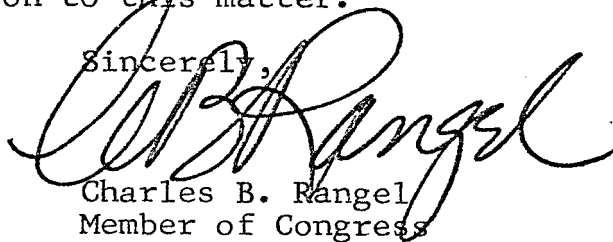
Although those particular reports may now be dated, the Central Intelligence Agency is continuing to prepare new reports on this subject. I am asking, as a Member of Congress and as a citizen, that new reports on international drug traffic be made available to Congress and to the American people as they are completed. This type of material is crucial to Congress in our role as legislators of policies and programs to stop international

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narcotics production, processing and smuggling. Furthermore, it is incumbent on us to determine whether the President is exercising his power as required by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971 to cut off economic and military assistance to those nations which fail to take proper steps to fight drug trafficking; the data acquired by the CIA and appearing in your reports will help us perform this constitutional duty as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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